

Glencairn House
Lawrenceville, Mercer County, New Jersey

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Historic American Buildings Survey
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133 Central Avenue, Rahway, New Jersey

Glencairn House
Lawrenceville, Mercer County, New Jersey

Owner: Mrs. Elizabeth Hunt Connah

Date of Erection: 1736

Architect:

Builder:

Present Condition: Good

Number of Stories: Two

Materials of Construction: Foundation - 21" stone
foundation; excavated
under the main section;
unexcavated under the
end section

Exterior walls - main
section frame construc-
tion, originelly beaded
shiplap siding; end unit
stone

Interior walls - plaster,
partitions plank

Inside brick chimneys

Roof - pitch

Historical Data:

One of the curiosities of this house is a
secret stairway to the back room on the second floor.

Here Lord Relston of the British Army was killed in December, 1776. A stone marking his grave is in the garden.

The house during the Revolution was the home of the Hunt family. Captain Elias Hunt of the American Army was secretly visiting his kin on New Year's day 1777. He saw a Hessian patrol approaching from Princeton, and warned a group of the American pickets in one of the nearby taverns; he thus became the leader in the skirmish that ensued in the village street.

The property is still in possession of the Hunt family, the present owner being a member of that family.

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